

CONGRESSIONAL.

PASSAGE OF THE GEN. GRANT BILL

Interesting Legislation in Both Houses—Relief
for the Sufferers by the Western Floods
Passed—Star-Route Transportation
Legislation.

In the Senate on Thursday Mr. Platt presented and had read resolutions of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce in favor of a reorganization of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Mr. Groce presented and had read resolutions of the Maryland Legislature recommending the deepening of the harbor at Annapolis by cutting away the shoals.

Mr. Rollins, from the Naval Committee, reported adversely on the petition and bill for longevity and retired pay to mates in the United States Navy.

The Finance Committee, at the request of Mr. Morrill, was empowered to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Mr. Allison, from the Appropriations Committee, reported with attachments the memorial of the citizens of the city of New York for the sum of half-past one o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Commerce and Fisheries, reported the report of the Memphis Cotton Exchange upon the danger to the river front of Memphis from eurochaeta.

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of the eminent public services of Ulysses S. Grant and the military and naval services of his father, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint him to the army with the rank and pay of major general, and to give him the grade of major general with pay accordingly.

With a unanimous yeas and nays, the committee then took from the Military Committee the bill and resolution introduced earlier in the day by Mr. George, to provide relief on the basis of the military and naval services of the father, and amendment in the nature of a substitute, and asked immediate consideration of the same. The yeas and nays were 100 to 0, and the bill and resolution recommended by the committee adopted unanimously.

It appropriates \$100,000 to be used by the Secretary of War in the purchase and distribution of clothing and other necessaries for the soldiers and sailors in the district overlaid by the Mississippi and its tributaries, and authorizes the Secretary of War to make such purchases and distribution of goods of which such district is a part.

As reported, the measure provided this relief for "the laboring classes," but, upon the suggestion

On motion of Mr. Orin, the Senate unanimously adopted the following resolution:

House of Representatives.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be and they are authorized to inquire into the propriety of the appointment of Mr. Orin to the office of United States marshal for the district of Columbia, and to report thereon to the Senate.

to the House bill providing that five of the trustees of the Mississippi River Commission shall constitute a quorum, was concurred in.

Mr. Chalmers sent to the Clerk's desk and he read a telegram from William Connor, Mississippi, stating that the river had overflowed and that the people of that State were in great distress and were starving and asking for assistance. It was then considered and the House concurred in consideration of a joint resolution authorizing the President to issue temporary supplies of food and clothing to the people of Mississippi in case of inundation and suffering of destitute persons living on or near the lower Mississippi river who have been rendered destitute by the overflow of that river.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation and the bill was taken up in the House at 12:40 and went into Committee of 10.

While Mr. Calkins in the chair on the Post-Office bill, Mr. Calkins said:

"The clause under consideration was that relative to the right of a route of commerce."

Mr. Calkins then said that Mr. Holman was pointing out that that was only an extract from the bill and that it was not the whole of it.

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Mr. Vanice's amendment was rejected, 76 to 84 as was also the substitute offered by Mr. Copen. The House then agreed to an amendment providing that when a contract is declared void on account of having been subject the contractor shall not be entitled to receive any money, pay, or profit from the law. Adopted.

Mr. Williams, of Wisconsin, moved to amend the clause relating to payment of a good profit by increasing the amount appropriated to \$1,600,000 from \$1,500,000. The amendment was rejected, 77 to 101.

Pending further action in the committee room, the House adjourned at 12 o'clock. The next reading appropriation \$1,000,000 to enable the Secretary of War to make national for the relief of destitute persons in the Philippines. The House then adjourned. The House was taken from the Speaker's table at 12:05 o'clock.

The House then at (five o'clock) took a recess.